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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY examines an elaborate Ivory Coast "screen" head-dress at the Museum of African Art, 316-318 A NE. The museum is one of several points of interest within walking distance discussed in Marcia Feldman's article on page 2. Mr. Humphrey serves as Honorary Chairman of the Museum's Board of Trustees. At right is Warren Robbins, founder and director of the Museum.

Anacostia Park Plan Gets High Level Push

OFFICIALS from several federal agencies have been called into consultation on a plan to develop the Anacostia waterfront into a major park and recreation area. The ambitious plan, which has been kicking around for some time, gained new impetus last month as a study group headed by John Duncan, assistant to Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, met to discuss the potential of the 11.5 mile stretch of open space.

Although an optimistic story in the *Star* indicated that children might be swimming in several man-made lakes in the park this summer, it appears unlikely that any facilities will be available this year. At a news conference, architectural consultant Lawrence Halprin emphasized that development of the waterfront would be a long-term project. No cost figures were offered by the planners but one estimate being tossed around is that the project would take more than two decades to complete and require several hundred million dollars, including the cost of depolluting the Anacostia River.

It is expected that the federal government would make the major investment, but the District and private developers would also be involved.

The increased federal interest in the

area, spurred by Udall and National Park Service Director George Hartzog, may have put a crimp in part of the DC Highway Dept.'s plan to drive the east leg of the freeway across the park area.

Halprin, who has been serving as a (Please turn to page 6)

THE CARBARN CONTROVERSY

Issue Stirs Intense Debate

THE city is pushing its drive to turn the East Capitol St. carbarn into a city-wide recreation center, despite objections from some groups that neighborhood recreation facilities will suffer as a result. The carbarn has been made the number one priority item in the District's capital outlay budget for fiscal 1969. Up until the end of December the carbarn was last on the priority list.

The action has stirred intense debate in this community. Proponents of the carbarn argue that the facility would make an ideal citywide center and should be purchased quickly before DC Transit, the present owner, sells it to a private developer. The building, at 14th (Please turn to page 10)

Anti-Poverty Chief Enters NE Dispute

Lays Down 'Suggestions' to Ease Feud

UNITED Planning Organization director Wiley Branton, the city's anti-poverty program chief, has personally intervened in the months-old factional struggle within the Community Improvement Corp., which runs the Near NE anti-poverty project.

Branton announced that he was taking charge of the situation at a meeting Jan. 25 attended by CIC board and staff members. In a speech delivered with a fervor more typical of a Baptist preacher than of a bureaucrat, Branton laid down a series

of "suggestions" that were unanimously adopted by the CIC board. They included:

□ The establishment of a committee, with Branton as chairman, to end the feuding within the CIC and come up with a workable program. Named to the committee were: Mrs. Catherine Mayo, Rev. James Caldwell, Mrs. Nadine Winter, Bruce Hyman, Mrs. Wilhelmina Payne, John Anthony, Fred Wilson, Elmer Geathers, Mrs. Clea Farrar, Mrs. Vivian Long, and Bishop R. H. Prince. The committee will meet with Branton once a week for the next 30 days.

□ A suggestion that the CIC staff "attend to business instead of attending to something else."

□ A suspension of hiring and firing for 30 days.

□ No elections of any kind for 30 days. (The meeting at which Branton spoke had been called in part to hold elections for the CIC board.)

Branton, who alternately rapped the board, UPO, the staff and its director, was loudly applauded by the audience that jammed into the CIC conference room at 1328 Fla. NE. His comments were punctuated by repeated murmurs of "Amen" and "Tell it" as he lit into the failures of the Near NE anti-poverty program and of the agency of which he has just assumed command.

"I can not sit by and let any program become ineffective so that it not only hurts Near NE but the entire poverty program in the District," Branton told those present. "We must attempt to salvage the program. We must wash and cleanse our hands."

Branton spoke at a time when it appeared increasingly likely that UPO would take away the CIC's contract and run the program in Near NE itself. The CIC was the first non-profit citizens group in the city set up specifically to run a local anti-poverty program. Its activities, however, have been hampered by a series of factional quarrels centering around personalities, alleged misuse of funds, and administrative procedures. Last month the tempo of the controversy increased with these developments:

□ An almost successful effort by one faction of the CIC board to oust Melvin Jackson as staff director of the CIC. The vote, taken late in a meeting after many members had left, failed as the result of a 7-7 tie.

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News Notes

□ A GROUP OF Capitol East organizations has urged the Board of Education to experiment with a community school board here. The Board meets at Hine on Feb. 7. (See page 3)

□ THE NEAR NE Neighborhood Planning Council has announced elaborate plans to improve community representation in its leadership. (See page 7)

□ JESSE ANDERSON HAS been elected chairman of the Near SE Neighborhood Advisory Council. (See page 4)

□ FEB. 16 AND 17 are the next two days for local voter registration. A map on page 8 tells where and when.

□ THE CONCERNED CITIZENS for Peace have established a precinct organization to compete with the regular Democrats. (See page 4)

□ WITH THIS ISSUE, the Gazette begins a community announcement section, providing a low-cost means for civic groups, churches and political organizations to publicize their activities. (See page 7)

Forty-Four Talk at Eastern H.S.

BY GREG LAWRENCE

AN ex post facto hearing on the carbarn priority change was held Thursday night, January 11, at Eastern High School. Forty-four persons spoke to an audience of nearly 200 on the yeas and nays of the pre-Christmas change, made by the Recreation Department, which moved the DC Transit carbarn purchase from last to first priority in the fiscal 1969 recreation capital outlay budget.

"The carbarn is large enough," said Miss Clara Boone of the SE Civic Assn., "to offer broad recreational facilities from exercise to arts and crafts. It would be a place for all of us to work (Please turn to page 10)

The Gazette

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The Carbn Caper

JOE COLE'S CAPRICIOUS decision to change the priority of the East Capitol St. carbn from last to first place in the Recreation Department's fiscal 1969 budget has gained wide support from many of those with clout in this city: in particular, the Recreation Board, the city administration, the Budget Bureau, and--if we may believe the carbn's estatic proponents--several important Capitol Hill figures as well. That the decision was hasty, ill-examined, and ultimately not very wise, carries little weight. The carbn has been declared the city's latest pet charity for the poor and baby if you don't like it you're an ingrate.

We can expect, if all goes according to schedule, that the District will pour up to \$5 million into the brick behemoth on East Capitol St. to create what is called, in the bureaucratic patois, "a model citywide community center," no doubt complete with Federal front and carriage lamps at every entrance. Recreation Superintendent Cole will love it. Walter Washington will love it. Ladybird will love it. And every kid who can afford the 50¢ roundtrip subway or bus fare presumably will love it too.

In the meantime, however, a long list of much-needed neighborhood facilities around the city are going to have to stand in line behind Chalk House East. The pool is in the line, and the carbn is the last of the long line. Some of the long line are certain Capitol Hill property owners to kill it. They are among the most ardent supporters of the carbn.

Cole and the Recreation Board claim not to find this significant. They promise to fight just as hard for the pool as for the carbn. People around here, however, remember that when the struggle took place over the expansion of Hine Jr. High School, the school board was in there punching. But so were some of the same individuals who are now pushing the carbn over the pool. And when it was all over, the school system decided not to expand junior high class space on Capitol Hill. It was more feasible to send Near SE junior high students all the way to Jefferson Jr. High in SW than fight the property interests of Capitol Hill. It will be interesting to see who has more influence on the southern congressmen who will be calling the shots in this matter: Cole or Capitol Hillites complaining about the prospect of Negro kids running through Eastern Market in wet bathing suits.

But the SE pool is not the only project that will suffer from the department's switch in priorities. The action represents a new emphasis on regional centers over neighborhood centers. It flies in the face of a fact that has become apparent to many cities: one way to improve services to the people is to make them convenient. Thus we find, even in our archaic city, neighborhood health clinics being established, talk of neighborhood city halls, museums and school boards. There is sound reason for this trend, especially in the District where approximately one-third of the residents own cars. There has also been talk of extensive decentralization of recreation facilities and a few hesitant steps in this direction have already been taken. Totlots, vest pocket parks, use of schools for community centers and walk-to pools are all cases in point. Such projects have the obvious advantage of being inexpensive, convenient, and quickly realized. Last year, for example, Philadelphia established 60 vest-pocket parks with one \$200,000 grant from the federal government. Such a grant presumably would be available to Washington as well, but if the Recreation Dept. has any intention of seeking it, it's keeping the fact pretty close to its vest pocket.

Even a sizable neighborhood pool or recreation center could be built for under one-half million dollars. Ten for the probable price of the carbn.

But we won't get a chance to talk about such things with the Recreation Dept. The Colossus of East Capitol St. has captured its fancy and the rest can wait. Perhaps a case for a citywide center can be made. But it's interesting that the department hasn't tried very hard to make it. It took just ten days from the time the Recreation Board told Cole to have another look at the carbn for him to change the priorities. When asked why he suddenly changed his mind on the relative priority of the carbn and the pool, Cole said last month, "I won't answer that."

The Recreation Board and the District has never held any public inquiry into the relative advantage of citywide and neighborhood recreation centers.

The city moved in an arbitrary fashion without effective community participation. As is so often the case in this voteless city, the citizens woke up one morning and discovered that another important decision had been made without their involvement. And it wasn't even the right decision.

BY MARCIA FELDMAN

A Capitol East Tour

FEBRUARY, when Washington's tourist trade is at its slackest, is a good month to actually go through some of the public buildings that are a part of the Capitol East scenery.

Most prominent and the natural starting place is the Capitol itself, a majestic wedding cake of a building atop what was once known as Jenkins Heights. The dome is crowned with a 19 1/2 foot figure of Freedom wearing a helmet surmounted by an eagle's head and a clutch of feathers.

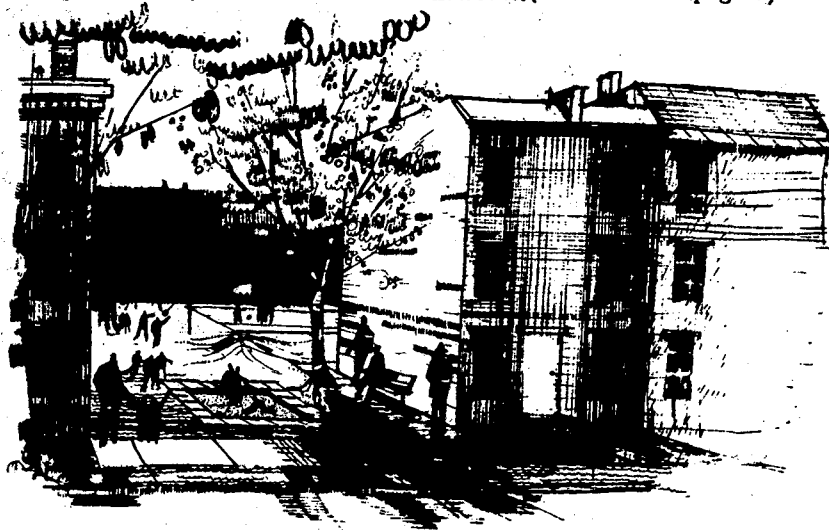
The Capitol, with its wings for House and Senate chambers, 540 rooms, uncounted miles of corridors and numerous staircases, is quite complex, and an introductory tour is recommended. They leave every fifteen minutes from the Rotunda. Since prices haven't risen in ninety years, they are quite inexpensive: 25¢ for adults and nothing for children under 10. The tours last about forty minutes and are conducted every day of the year except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days from 9:30 until 3:55, when the last tour leaves. It is possible, of course, to go through the building on your own, although the help of a good guidebook, such as sold by the guides themselves, would be appreciated greatly.

An American flag flying over either chamber indicates that that house is in session. No one is permitted to view the proceedings from the public balconies unless he is a member of a tour group or has a pass signed by his Congressman or Senator. Washingtonians, who are governed by the entire Congress, may get their passes at any office in the

buildings that flank the Capitol grounds.

Washington's only subway connects the Senate office buildings with the Capitol. Anyone may ride it. It's convenient if you really are going from the Capitol to one of the Senate office buildings or vice versa, but in any case, it's a preview of a luxury that someday may be extended to the rest of the city.

A SWEEP OF park separates the Capitol from the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS (1st & Ind. SE, ST 3-0400). This imposing institution, a typically American copy for the Italian Renaissance design of the Paris opera house, was created by Congress as a legislative reference service. It has added numerous other functions over the years. Its heart is the main reading room with its 160-foot ceilings beneath which long tables divided into some 200 individual mahogany desks curve about a central desk. If you're not actually doing research, you may view the room from the second-floor visitors' gallery. Anyone above high school age may work here, calling upon an immense collection of more than 13 million books and pamphlets. (The Library possesses a total of more than 54 million items--newspapers, magazines, manuscripts, maps, prints, photographs, motion pictures, posters and examples of just about every form of communication with the possible exception of graffiti.) No one except members of Congress, their staffs and certain agencies and officials may actually borrow a book, however. (Please turn to page 5)



VEST POCKET PARKS, such as illustrated above, are the sort of low-cost projects being ignored by the Recreation Dept. as it pushes its drive to acquire the East Capitol St. Carbn. For more, see editorial this page.

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The McDowell Papers

By Charles McDowell Jr.



EVERY FATHER HAS the responsibility to elevate the conversation in the home so as to begin involving the children in the great issues of the day. That is why I brought up the gold drain and the pressure on the dollar at breakfast the other morning.

The conversation had been so trivial that by Washington standards it couldn't even be called a dialogue.

There was a debate about the relative merits of cereals called Fruit Loops and Corn Crackos. There was a reading from Lucy's latest lecture to Charlie Brown, and a great amount of giggling at Snoopy's reaction (which was both "cool" and "neat-o"). Then there was an incomprehensible discussion of a television cartoon about some sort of contemporary "Tarzan" whose swinging through the jungle on vines apparently is interrupted regularly by collisions with trees.

Knowing my fatherly duty, I took advantage of a lull to say in my best moderator's voice, "the paper says we are losing so much gold that the government is going to have a hard time protecting the dollar in 1968. You children ought to try to understand how important that is."

After a long silence, the eighth grader said, "that reminds me, you haven't given me my allowance yet."

Her little sister, the first grader, said, "you promised me I could have a real paper dollar to keep in my room when I'm old enough. Well, I'm 7 years old now."

Their brother, the fifth grader, said, "you still owe me the \$2 I lent you for the baby sitter last week."

Their mother joined in the dialogue, saying briskly, to the moderator, "Why don't you just have a bowl of Corn Crackos and hope somebody changes the subject?"

"No," I said. "Our gold reserves are draining away by the hour, and you want to talk about Corn Crackos. This country is in massive monetary crisis and these children ought to know about it."

"I thought the gold was safe at Ft. Knox," said the fifth grader. "How can we be losing it with all those steel doors and guards and everything around it?"

"Thank you for the question," I said. "You see, children, our dollars are just paper but, because we have the gold in reserve, people accept the idea that a piece of paper is worth a dollar. That means..."

"But we went off the gold standard years ago," said the eighth grader, who has a good history teacher.

"Uh, yes, but why don't you eat your Corn Crackos and let me try to explain this thing?"

"You see, we spent a lot of money in other countries last year and the other countries got our dollars and demanded gold for them. So we had to give them gold. We lost about a billion dollars worth of gold last year."

"De Gaulle is getting our gold that way," said the eighth grader.

"If he is getting it, we better get it first," said the fifth grader. "Why don't we take all the dollars we have in the family and get gold for them while we still can?"

"Because, uh, we went off the gold standard years ago," I said weakly.

They looked confused but I was determined to explain the problem. Taking a new tack, I said, "You see, gold is worth \$35 an ounce, and we have to maintain that price if we don't want to have to devalue the dollar, which would cause inflation, or maybe it's deflation, but anyway this is very serious."

"Does this ring weigh an ounce?" said the first grader, taking off a gold-colored ring that came in her Christmas stocking. "I would like to have 35 real paper dollars."

"Put your ring back on before De Gaulle gets it," her mother said. "All of you get ready for school and let your father eat his Corn Crackos."

The two older ones had to leave for school first. The youngest stayed behind and again raised the question of the paper dollar that I was alleged to have promised her.

Trying to salvage something out of the economics lesson, I offered to give her a paper dollar for four of the quarters I knew she had in her bank in her room.

"No," the first grader said firmly, "I'll give you three quarters for one paper dollar."

"But a dollar is worth four quarters," I said.

"Not to me," she said. Her mother saw her to the door, leaving me alone with my Corn Crackos and a new sense of the dollar's peril.

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)

Swaim Appointed Council Secretary

STEPHEN C. SWAIM, 29, of Near NE has been named secretary of the city council. Swaim becomes one of the few Capitol East residents holding a high level position in the District government.

A familiar figure in local civic activities, Swaim was formerly an analyst

in the District budget office. He, his wife Marty and their two children, live at 649 Maryland Ave. NE.

Council Chairman John Hechinger said that Swaim came to the council's attention during the technical briefings on the budget this year.



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Local Groups Urge School Board Here

ELEVEN Capitol East organizations have asked the District Board of Education to explore the possibility of a community school board in this area.

The organizations sent a letter to the Board with the request after two meetings convened by the Circle-on-the-Hill.

A community school board in Capitol East could be the first in the District to implement the recommendations for decentralization made by the Passow Report on the DC schools.

School Board To Meet At Hine

THE D. C. BOARD of Education will hold its February 7 meeting at Hine Junior High School, 8th & Penna. SE. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm.

The session is one of a series of neighborhood meetings being held by the board.

The Passow study recommended that community boards, serving student populations of approximately 20,000, be elected by voters for three year terms. These boards would then choose a community superintendent from a list of candidates submitted by the superintendent of schools and approved by the Board of Education.

The relationship between the local board and the DC Board is described as similar to the one between local school districts and state boards: "the former responsible for local operations, the latter having overall authority."

"Such systems," the Passow Report said, "could improve the effectiveness of school management and link the schools more closely to their communities."

Signing the letter were representatives from the following organizations: Brent School PTA, Capitol Hill Community Council, the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, the Circle-on-the-Hill, the Democratic Party, the Edmonds-Peabody Community Action Group, the Emergency Recreation Council, Friendship House, the Near SE Neighborhood Advisory Council, Giddings School PTA, and the School Action Council for Capitol East.

The organizations agreed that the specifics of organization and authority of the local board should be worked out in informal meetings with the Board of Education.

The letter stressed, however, the delineations of the Capitol East community:

"All of the undersigned concur that it is paramount that East Capitol St. be considered a radial axis through the community and not a divisionary boundary. It would be going counter to the spirit of the community to divide NE from SE."

The letter pointed out that the Capitol East area has approximately 25,444 children, close to the number recommended by Passow.

"If it should be decided that a larger area should be served by a community school board, we would recommend that Capitol East be enlarged by appending SW or by an extension into NE."

This same group has also written to the DC Board of Elections to indicate its interest in pending legislation which would provide for a city-wide elected school board with eight members selected from specific districts and three elected at large.

It was again stressed that East Capitol St. not be considered a divisionary boundary.

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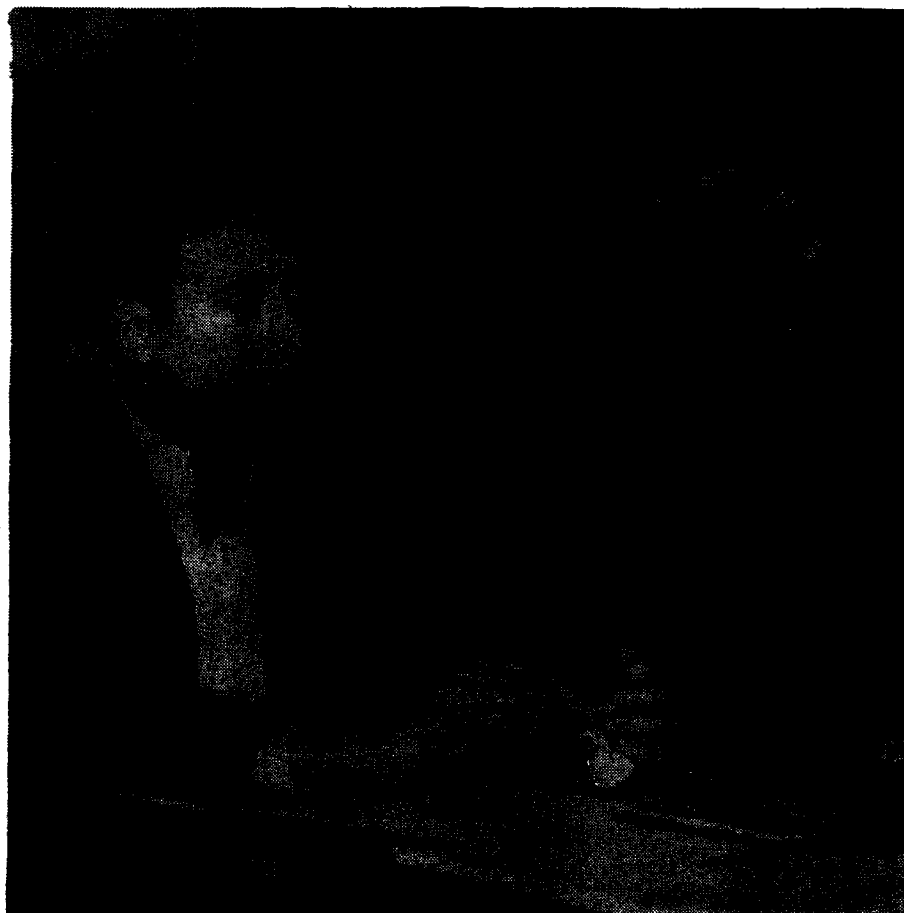
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FORTY-FOUR PERCENT of those responding to a poll on the Vietnam War conducted by the Capitol Hill Concerned Citizens for Peace favored an end to the war's escalation and to the bombing of North Vietnam.

The results were announced in the peace group's January newsletter.

Of the 1779 persons canvassed, 29% favored either escalation or continued bombing of the north.

Twenty percent were listed as expressing confusion on the issue. And seven percent gave no response.

The poll was conducted in eight of Capitol East's twelve precincts.

The Concerned Citizens also announced last month the names of precinct chairmen to lead their voter registration drive and campaign to send a peace slate to the Democratic National Convention. Those selected are:

Precinct 91: Rev. Tom Torosian, 544-4309

Precinct 90: Daniel Fivel, 546-1439

Precinct 89: Mrs. Albie Davis, 544-0835

Precinct 88: Charles Vihon, 547-2974

Precinct 85: Harold Burman, 547-8073

Precinct 84: Truman Cross, 543-9241

Precinct 81: Mrs. Lola Singletary, 399-3900

The boundaries of the precincts can be found on the map on page 8 of this issue.

Highway Man to Tell Plans

LLOYD RIVARD, of the DC Highway Dept. will describe local road plans at a meeting of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, Feb. 12. The meeting, at the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 4th & Ind. SE, starts at 8.

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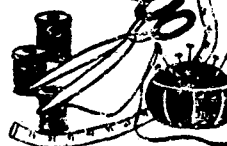
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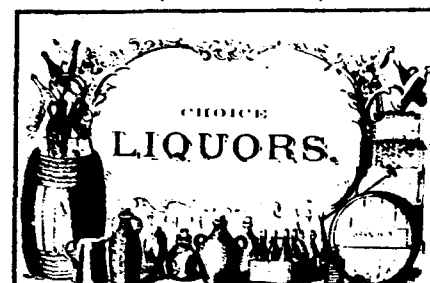
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The Library is a publisher as well as a repository of books and records. Its printed offerings, sold in the Library bookstore or by mail, are limited mainly to pamphlets, but its recordings are more wide ranging.

There are albums of poets reading their own works and an extensive array of authentic folk music, usually recorded by the people among whom it originated--anthracite miners, Venezuelan farmers or Mexican cowboys.

Maps and clearly marked exhibits make it quite easy to tour the main building on your own. Should you prefer a tour, guides are available Monday to Friday, except holidays, at 9:15, 10 and 11 a.m. and 1, 2, 3, and 4 p.m. The Library itself is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sundays and holidays, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Only on Christmas Day and the Fourth of July does this monumental institution close down entirely. A monthly calendar of events, available at the door or by mail, outlines the Library's many programs and exhibits.

MUCH YOUNGER AND more specialized, the MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART (316 A NE, 547-8690) was founded in 1964 to exhibit traditional African art and work by Negro artists and to demonstrate the influence of tribal art on modern art. More than 300 pieces of sculpture represent some 50

different peoples of West and Central Africa. One gallery displays musical instruments and masks and costumes used in tribal dances. Examples of brightly woven cloth are draped on the walls, and an elaborately carved window, doorframe, and shelf from a house in Timbuctu, Mali, has been reconstructed here.

Surprisingly little has been altered since the townhouse was occupied in the 1860's by Frederick Douglass, a former slave who achieved prominence as an abolitionist editor and statesman. The building's original rooms are used for galleries and Mr. Douglass' study has been recreated in one.

The Frederick Douglass Institute of Negro Arts and History supplements the Museum's programs with exhibits and lectures reflecting the contribution of the Negro people to the history and culture of the United States. The current exhibit is forty paintings by Henry

Dabbs depicting great Negro figures in American history.

The Museum is open every day except Friday and government holidays from 11 until 5:30 and from 2 until 5:30 on Saturday and Sunday. There is a small admission charge: 50¢, adults and 25¢, children.

Firm Seeks NE Site

KDI, A MIDWEST electronics firm, is looking in Near NE for a site for a new plant. KDI is being assisted by the Near NE Business and Professional Council which is seeking new employment possibilities for local residents.

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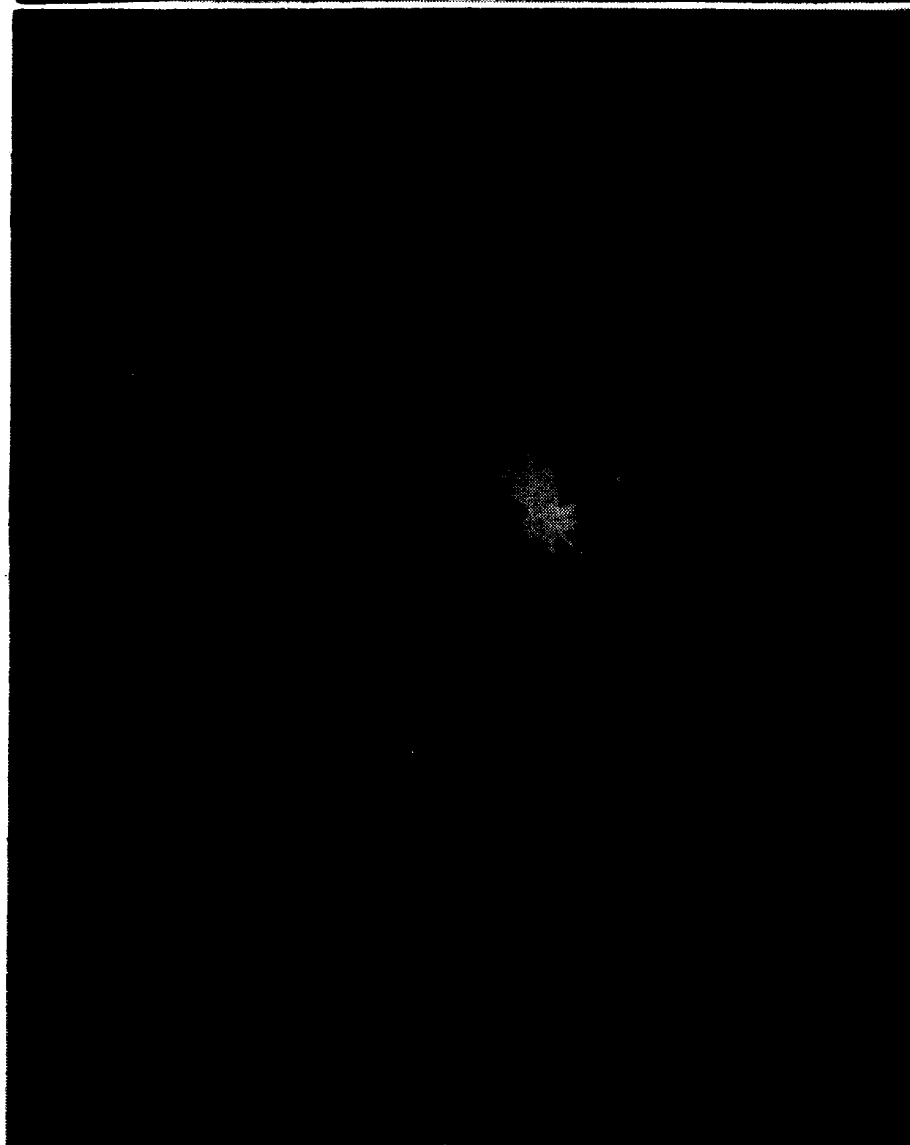
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School Group Seeks Members

THE SCHOOL ACTION Council for Capitol East has announced an area-wide membership drive. Drive chairman Mrs. William Driscoll is looking not only for new members, but also for individuals who would be willing to help with the effort by making phone calls. He number is LI 3-5409.

SACCE is an organization formed two years ago to improve the quality

of public education in the area. Its current president is Peter Levison.

One of the group's projects last year was the presentation of a plan to the District Board of Education calling for the establishment of a planning and evaluation center for Capitol East schools.



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consultant to the Highway Dept. as well as to the Park Service, has come up with a proposal that would reroute the freeway underground as it nears DC Stadium from the south and swing it to the west side of the sports center. Present plans call for the freeway to go on the east side of the stadium. Under the new proposal, the freeway would become a depressed road north of the stadium with underground parking established next to it. The plan makes no change in the lower portion of the freeway which runs above ground from the 11th St. bridge along the railroad tracks and past Congressional Cemetery. A suggestion that the freeway be tunnelled under the cemetery was rejected on the grounds that it would stir up too much controversy.

One of the most exciting proposals for the waterfront area is the planned conversion of Kingman Lake into several large, natural swimming pools. While there is enthusiasm for this idea, engineers have not yet figured out how to insure sanitary water for use in the pool.

BY MARIAN FRIEDMAN

Eastern High School News

DURING THE CHRISTMAS recess, Mrs. Ruth White, instructor in mathematics, attended a symposium on mathematics education, followed by a luncheon.

Two English teachers, Mrs. Kathleen O'Toole Zellmer, and Miss Edith Menard, have been honored by the National Poetry Press (Los Angeles). Their original poetry has been accepted for publication from more than ten thousand manuscripts submitted by teachers, professors and librarians in more than eight thousand high schools and colleges. "Of Color" by Miss Menard and "Statistics" by Mrs. Zellmer will be published by the National Poetry Anthology, Teachers and Librarians Edition, Jan. 1968.

On February 17, the American College Test will be administered to students from all parts of the country. Mrs. Anna Venable will be in charge at Eastern. At the same time, two hundred sophomores looking forward to college, will take the National Educational Development Test.

Eastern High School was honored to be the first high school addressed by Dr. Farner, president of the new Federal City College, which will open this year. So far, Eastern has more applicants than any other DC high school.

On January 11 and 12, Eastern served as host to all the members of the school administration. They chose this central location because of the good parking facilities and accessibility to transportation. Madison W. Tignor, principal, served as the gracious host to Dr. Manning, new superintendent of schools, and all his assistants.

On January 18, the National Honor Society held its semi-annual induction ceremony, presided over by chapter president Vernon Lee Russell. Inductees were Miss Frances Janet Dick and Miss Phyllis Lorraine Perry.

Last month, the sophomore class was busy choosing nominees for class offices for next year. Early in March, the candidates will appear on the platform with their managers, followed by the election.



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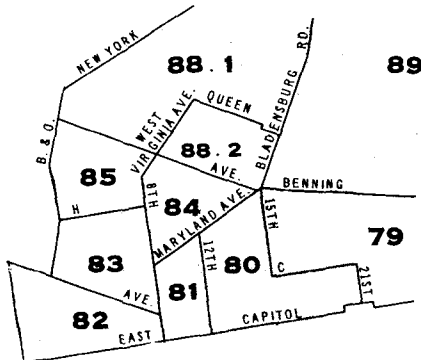
NE Planning Group To Hold Vote

THE NEAR NE Neighborhood Planning Council has come up with a plan to improve community participation in its activities. The Council, which prepares the local summer youth program, has been criticized for not being adequately representative. Last month, over a hundred teenagers attended a meeting of the council to demand changes in the Council's procedure. At that meeting the council voted to hold census tract elections of the steering committee members.

Conveners were appointed to conduct votes in the ten census tracts under the Council's jurisdiction. Each census tract will elect one youth and one adult member to the steering committee. On February 27, a community meeting will be held at Douglas Church, 11th & H NE, to elect officers of the council to serve during the coming year and to make plans for next summer's youth program.

The map below shows the boundaries of the various census tracts. To find out where and when the local meeting in your tract will be held, contact the applicable person or agency below:

Tract 79: St. Benedict The Moor Church, 320 21st NE, 544-0696.
Tract 80: Mrs. Lola Lucas, 1218 E NE.
Tract 81: Rev. Charles Friou, 546-4456.



Tract 82: Christ Child Settlement House, 546-1500.
Tract 83: Mrs. Delores Peyton, 618 4th NE, or Mrs. Doris Austin, 643 11th NE.

Talks Planned At Giddings

PARENTS AND FRIENDS of Giddings School, 4th & G SE, are being invited to participate in a discussion series called "Why Worry? -- Talk With Us."

Fannie L. T. Johnson, principal of the school, and Alicemarie Pitts, counselor, announced that the sessions would be held on Feb. 14, 21, 28 and March 6 at 1:30 p. m. in room 101 of the school.

Mrs. Annette Brandt, a consultant with the Family and Child Services, will be the discussion leader. Topics will include discipline, fighting and quarreling, jealousy, money and family life, the single parent home, parents and the school, the working mother, and parents and sex education.



Symphony To Play Here Feb. 2

THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL Symphony will give a pops concert at 8 p. m. on Feb. 2 at Eastern High School, 17th & E. Capitol NE. Admission is free.

Selections will include Berlioz' "Roman Carnival Overture," Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Overture," Fantasy, "Rimsky-Korsakov's "Spanish Caprice," and Bernstein's "Excerpts from 'West Side Story.'"

The program, sponsored by the DC Recreation Dept., will be conducted by Lloyd Geisler.

ERC Party Scheduled

A GEORGE WASHINGTON's Birthday Party will be held in the St. Mark's auditorium, 3rd & A SE, on Feb. 21 at 8:30 p. m. by the Emergency Recreation Council to raise funds for its program.

The ERC promises music, refreshments, door prizes, setups and flashing lights for the donation of \$2.00 per person.

Reservations should be made by calling 547-3915.



Community Announcements

CHURCHES, CIVIC GROUPS, Political organizations and other non-profit groups may purchase space in this section at a reduced rate of \$1 a column inch, \$15 a quarter page, \$30 a half-page or \$60 a full page. Photos or material that must be reduced or enlarged: \$2 extra for each item. Call 546-9662 for additional details. Deadline for civic advertising: 20th of the month.

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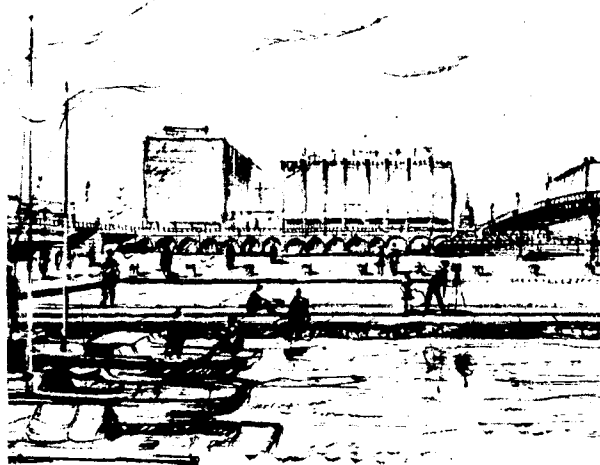
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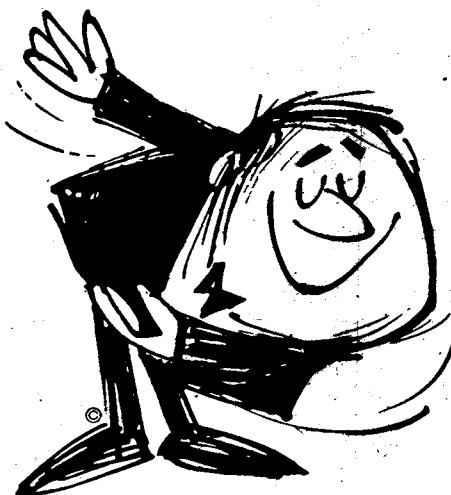
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Food Center Needs Help

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE has put out an emergency appeal for canned goods to help its needy families survive one of Washington's toughest winters. The agency provides \$100 worth of food a week at its Emergency Food and Clothing Center for the poor of Near SE.

Ruth Melby, director of consumer education at Friendship, called the need "desperate." One SE senior citizen, speaking of rising food costs, said, "It used to be that we went hungry the last few days of the month; now it's the last 15 days of the month."

Mrs. Melby also cited a need for the donation of non-edible items such as soap powder, toothpaste and toilet paper. These items are not covered by food stamps.

The center is hopeful that school children or service clubs will lead in collecting goods. Free pick-up is available by calling 547-8880, or goods can be delivered to the center, 1408 Penna. Ave. SE.

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VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

THE CHART AND list below show the locations of the ten registration and voting precincts in Capitol East. Voter registration began January 2 and will continue through March 23 for the May 7 primary. You may also register at the District Building, 14th & E NW, between now and March 23, during the hours of 8:30 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday.

Or you may go to the registration place for your neighborhood shown below on the following weekends:

Friday, February 16, and Saturday, February 17

Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23

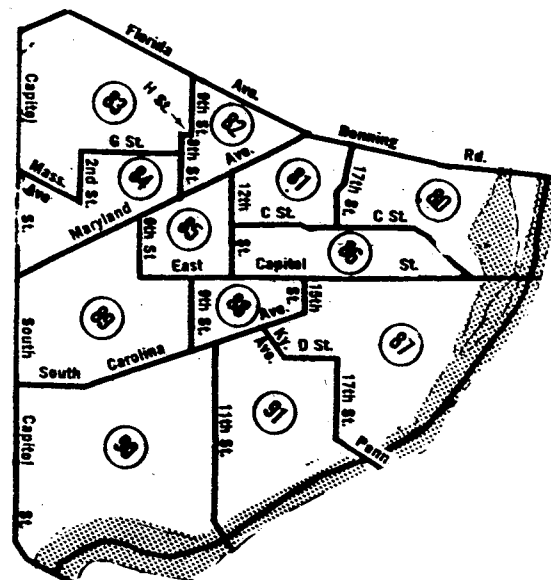
Registration hours are 5-9 on Fridays and 9 am to 9 pm on Saturdays

In order to register you need only swear that you have been a resident of the District for one year (by time of election,) that you will be 21 years old by the date of election, that you are not voting elsewhere and that you have not been convicted of a felony.

The Gazette urges all Capitol East residents to take the few moments necessary to register so they may vote in the May 7 primary.

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- 90 Tyler School
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Market Day Workshops Begin For April Fair

CRAFT workshops to make items for sale at the Circle-on-the-Hill's April 6 Market Day have been announced by crafts coordinator Mrs. Michael Finkelstein and garden and patio shop chairman Mrs. Charles Kilezewski.

Mexico is the theme of this year's Market Day, an annual event to raise funds for Friendship House. This year's general chairman is Mrs. Phillip Gasteyer. Mrs. Walter Washington, wife of Commissioner Washington, is honorary chairman.

Interested women are invited to attend the following sessions at the home of Mrs. Finkelstein, 154 N. Carolina Ave. SE: Feb. 5, decorative plaques; Feb. 12, papier mache; Feb. 19, needlework; Feb. 26, antique decorative plaques; Feb. 22, papier mache.

Mrs. Kilezewski will be making pop art flower pots, cardboard cocktail tables, "opy" butterflies, cinder block planters and papier mache items for her garden and patio shop every Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. and Thursday morning at 10 a. m. from now until April 6.

Interested women are asked to call her at 547-1760. The sessions will be held at her home, 1218 Independence SE.

Other chairmen for the event are:

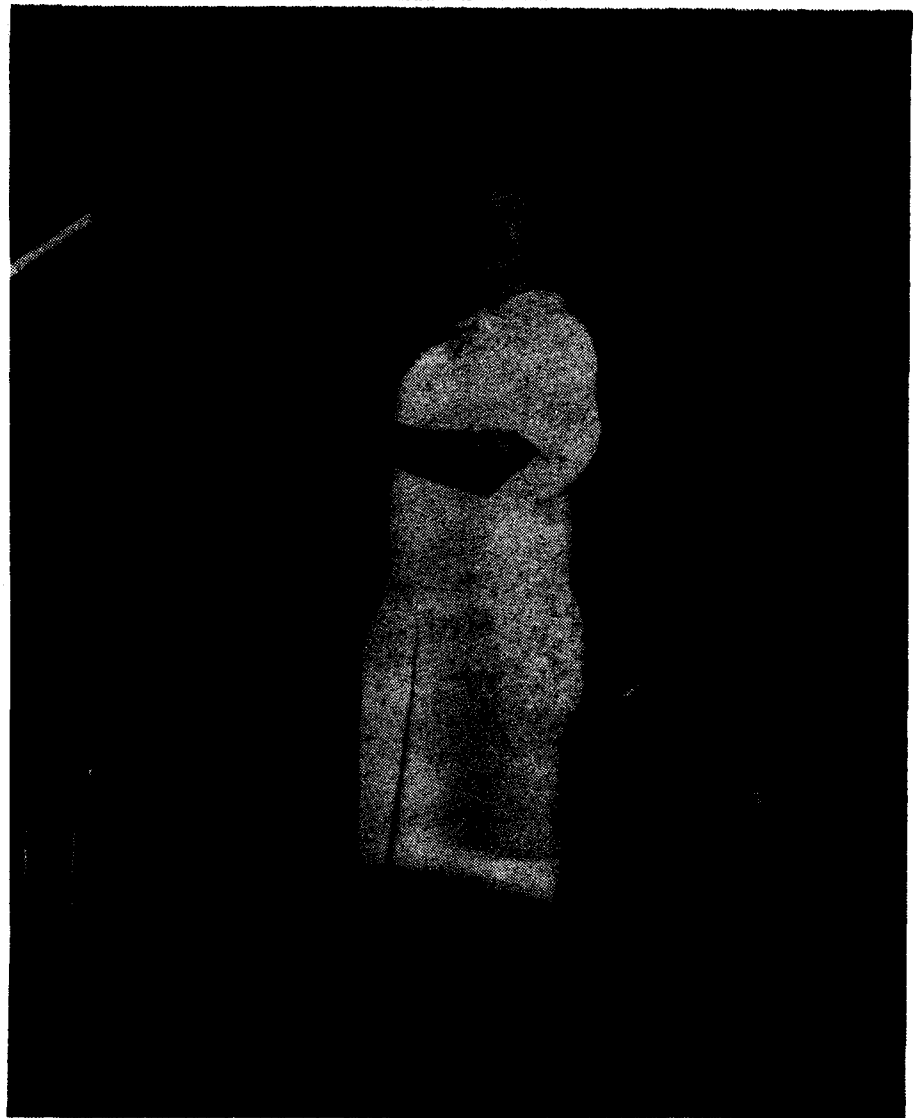
children's activities, Mrs. James Harkless and Mrs. Robert Niblock; display, Mr. and Mrs. Val Lewton; foods, Mrs. S. White Rhyme and Mrs. John Stewart; food demonstrations, Mrs. Hugo Hoogenbaum; household treasures, Mrs. Bernard Udel; publicity, Mrs. Wayne Coy; sewing, Mrs. David Alexander and Mrs. Leslie Taylor; taco stand, Mrs. Charles Puttkammer; and telephone, Mrs. Bryon Schumaker.

Mrs. Matthew McCulloch is serving as treasurer and Mrs. Thomas Glasgow Smith as secretary.

SE Club Starts

THE OPPORTUNITY CLUB has been formed at the Southeast Catholic Center, 723 1/2 Eighth, SE. The group of SE ladies is practicing skills such as typing, sewing, and knitting. Tips on proper diet, economical marketing, and hygiene are given by guest speakers. A notice from the center says: "If you are lonely, depressed, need a friend to talk to, or need employment, why not visit our center and find out how we operate. You are welcome to use all our facilities--sewing, typing and reading materials. We have social groups and activities for our teenagers."

The center's telephone number is 544-0523.



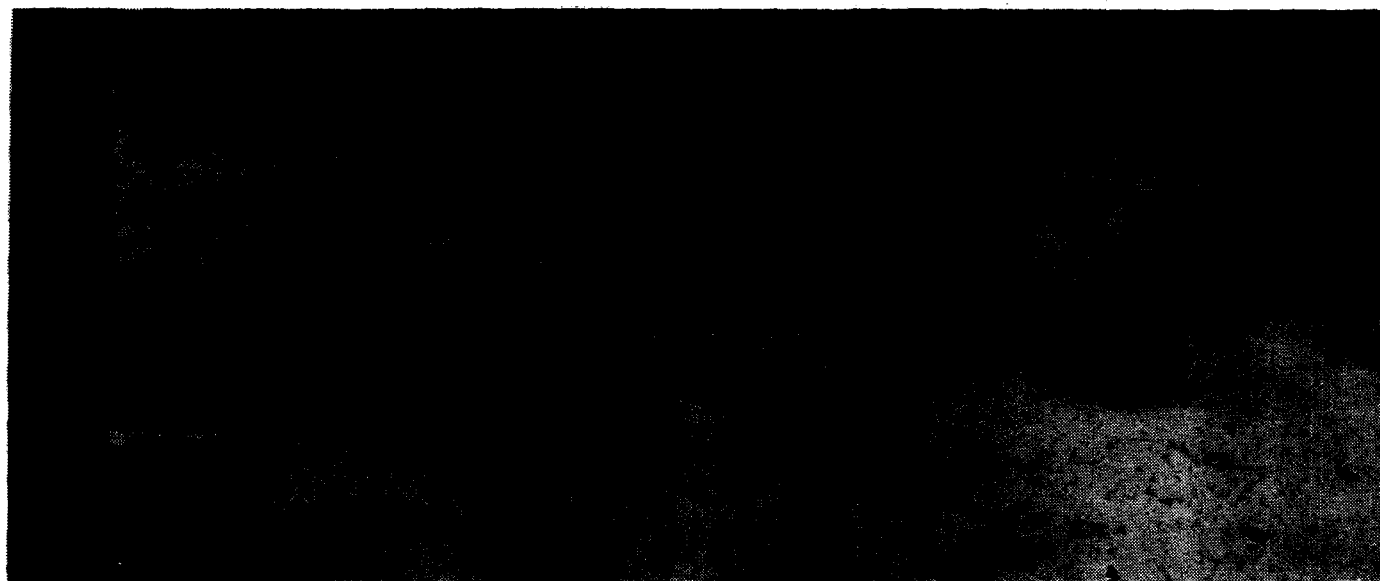
MRS. LUCILLE GOODWIN, chairman of the Metropolitan Legal Services Advisory Council, addresses a meeting of the group last month, held at Spingarn High School to celebrate MLSAC's third anniversary. Mrs. Goodwin was among several persons receiving awards for their services in the legal program. Mrs. Goodwin has been active in the Near NE anti-poverty program and lives in the Langston Terrace Dwellings.

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The Trashmen Cometh. . .



"TRASH CONTAINERS MUST be returned to the original point of collection," we were told last month by an official of the Sanitation Division. The photo above illustrates the considerable gap between rule and reality in trash collection. A scene in Capitol East after the trashmen have been

through. But cheer up, the Sanitation Division says that if you call it at 629-4584 as soon as you spot a condition such as this, the division will make the truck return and put the cans back where they were found.

MEETING Cont'd

together." The hearing was held by the Capitol Hill Recreation Advisory Council, a group instrumental in the pre-Christmas change. It called the meeting after controversy arose over the shift. Recreation Board member Stanley Anderson presided.

Other speakers supporting the change pointed to the carbarn's possible use as a nursery, sewing shop, meeting place and as a drama and work training center. A representative of the Eastern High School student Council spoke in its behalf as did Mrs. Ernestine Blackwell, who said it would be of use to senior citizens.

Several speakers noted that the planned subway stop at DC Stadium would make the carbarn available to both Capitol East and Anacostia-- a total population of a third of a million people.

A number of groups, however, questioned the wisdom of centralizing recreational facilities. "The trend in recreation is neighborhood rather than regional," said Oliver Thompson of the Eastern Branch Boys' Club. "There are problems of bussing persons from the non-subway fringes. And a large central facility would necessarily draw away from other recreational agencies in its immediate area."

"Once we get the neighborhood swimming pools, then we can worry about the Disneylands," said Robert Berg, chairman of the Emergency Recreation Council, to loud applause. Robert Adams, director of Friendship House, said "people will walk only so far for the best facility." Others pointed to the hazards of children crossing major traffic arteries to reach the carbarn. They preferred development of local school playgrounds, tot lots and swimming pools.

One neighborhood pool in particular, the one planned for 7th & NC SE, has been the coveted project of a number of groups questioning the carbarn. The shift moved it from priority two to priority three. "Plans for the pool are already four years along," said Kathy Smith, president of Circle-on-the-Hill. "But with the carbarn there are many imponderables, such as the purchase price and cost of development."

Actually, there would have been little controversy if both the carbarn and the Near SE pool could be guaranteed approval by Congress. But several

speakers saw the danger that Congress might pick the higher priority carbarn over the pool in view of the high cost of each (\$1.1 million for the carbarn acquisition and \$735,000 for the pool construction).

In light of this, several groups, including the Capitol Hill Community Council, qualified their support of the carbarn. "We support the present carbarn priority," said Miro Pregelj, president of the council, "but not at the expense of the pool."

Later, Recreation Department superintendent Joseph Cole said, "Congress has already funded \$54,000 toward the nearly completed plans of the Near SE pool." He did not think Congress would cancel this project for the carbarn, which is only at the purchase stage.

Recreation Board chairman William Thomas agreed. He saw no retreat by Congress on the pool. He said he personally would not jeopardize the pool for the carbarn.

Another issue that enlivened the Jan. 11 meeting was the question of process --who made the priority change and why? "It's appalling," the Rev. Jesse Anderson said, "that a group of 6 to 8 people (the Capitol Hill Recreation Advisory Council) spoke for the entire area. They were not representative. They were acting as a vested interest, using the carbarn as a decoy to lure the city away from the pool. It is part of a trick bag to get neighborhood to fight neighborhood."

Gerald Dyson of the SE Catholic Center charged that the shift was "just another slap in the face of the black community, another example of racism policy. No one tells Georgetown what they need."

A NEW SERIES of slimnastics, swimming and badminton sessions for Capitol East women will begin at the downtown YWCA, 17th & K NW, on Feb. 7.

A chartered bus will stop at three locations here each Wednesday morning between 9:15 and 9:30 to take area women to the Y.

The fee for the eight-week session ending March 27 is \$17.00 plus a \$3 membership in the Y. A health examination is required for use of the pool. Inquiries should be made by calling Miss Sally Bruce at ME 8-2100, extension 25.

Cole later asked, "How do you determine who represents an area? We've listened to everyone and have reviewed the testimony of all. The vast majority are for the carbarn. I received 600 letters from children in favor of the carbarn. It was obviously a drive, but all the letters were in their own handwriting. We acted on mass demand."

He added, "There are other interests than just the citizens," noting that the carbarn had been under study by Mrs. Johnson's beautification committee.

Results of the January 11 meeting will be presented to the Recreation Board on February 15 by Anderson. The meeting will be at 2:30 pm at 16th & Park NW and will be open to the public.

CARBARN Cont'd

& E. Capitol will cost an estimated \$1.1 million to purchase, according to city officials.

The Gazette, however, has learned that DC Transit may ask for considerably more. DC Transit vice president Morris Fox said last month that the price was "very low" and that DC Transit feels it is "worth a lot more money."

Critics of the new emphasis on the carbarn say that congressional passage of appropriations to build a new indoor-outdoor pool at 7th & NC SE is endangered by the high priority of the carbarn. They charge that the carbarn's proponents will use it as a lever to kill the pool. They also question spending so much money on one facility when there is a great need in the city for additional neighborhood centers.

In a related development, Recreation Board chairman William Thomas says he will direct the group that has been calling itself the Capitol Hill Recreation Advisory Council to the Recreation Board to stop using a name that implies it has some official status. CHRAC, which has been leading the fight for the carbarn, sent a notice of a public meeting on the subject that Thomas said was "a little misleading." He said he would also investigate the group's use of board stationary and personnel. He stated that CHRAC had no special privileges before the board and that all community groups would be given an equal hearing.

BRANTON Cont'd

□ A petition signed by nearly every member of the CIC staff urging that UPO take away CIC's contract and assume direct control.

Branton, however, clearly wished to try out his personal style on the problem before taking such action. Although critical of some of UPO's past actions, he said "Just because a mistake was made in the past, I'm not going to be bound by it."

Branton questioned the impact of the poverty program. He spoke of "the thousands who are not even touched by your program. We have still not really broken through."

He also attacked the concept, popular in UPO, of representation of the poor through organized groups. "The people who need our help don't even belong to an organization. The people who need our help don't belong to a church."

And Branton decried what he called the two extremes of philosophy among poverty workers. One is that "poor people have the God-given right to determine the most technical matter imaginable." "It just ain't so," he said. "If it were, they wouldn't be poor." The other extreme, according to the UPO chief, was "intellectual paternalism" among workers who not only felt they knew what was best for the poor but what the poor ought to say about their problems.

CIC chairman Bruce Hyman said afterwards that Branton "told the truth," and that by coming out he "probably saved the program."

Although Branton's comments were generally well received, one board member said later, "It won't do no good. The committee's going to cover up the whole business."

Atonement Hse. Aids Families

DURING THE CHRISTMAS season Atonement House, 1330 G, NE, with the assistance of a number of church organizations and individuals, was able to give aid to about two dozen families and furnish clothes and shoes to approximately 265 school children.

The congregation is currently in the process of checking with those families and children to see if they can be of further assistance, and anyone wishing to take part in this assistance program is asked to call Atonement House.

The Winter-Spring program for children and young people is in operation at Atonement's Youth Center, and additional volunteers are needed to make the program a success.

The schedule of activities is: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3:30-5:00 pm: After School Club for 5-8 year olds. (Volunteers needed in this department)

Monday, 7:30-9:15 pm: Remedial Reading; Tools; & Teenversation. Tuesday, 7:30-9:15 pm: Arithmetic Tutoring; Homework help & Puppet club.

Thursday, 7:30-9:15 pm: Boy Scouts (Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster needed)

Friday, 7:30-9:15 pm: Teentones (older girls club).

Saturday, 10:30-11:30 am: Pre-School club for 3 & 4 year olds. 1:30-2:30 pm: Church School; 2:30-3:15 pm: Chapel Choir.

Volunteers for any of these programs are asked to call 396-5212.

UPO BOSS WILEY Branton paid a visit to the Teen Center on Penna. Ave. SE last month to talk with the youth's there about the center's current funding problems. He wasn't able, however, to offer much financial encouragement. . . . ONE OF THE projects the teens have in mind that may go by the boards if they can't find any more money is a program in which local teens would visit neighborhood youths in Lorton and similar institutions. They've gotten some enthusiasm for the idea from court and institution officials. . . . THE BUDGET THE city sent to the White House didn't restore any of the capital outlay funds requested by the school board for local schools but slashed by Commissioner Washington. . . . HEW AND LABOR have come up with \$300,000 to keep the Work and Opportunity Training Center, 921 Penna. SE, going until this April. WTOC is a job-training center that has over 700 trainees. . . . JANE HARDIN, OF Community Laundries, was the subject of a favorable cover story in the Potomac section of the Post.

ABOUT FIFTY persons showed up for a voter registration rally last month sponsored by the Capitol Hill Concerned Citizens for Peace. The speakers were Rev. Channing Phillips, Julius Hobson, and Tilford Dudley. Hobson told the group: "Registering and voting is not enough. We are functioning within an outmoded political system. Either we accommodate to the system or work to change it drastically. Dudley, DC Democratic chieftain, said he supported Johnson as a "peace candidate" upon whom the present war had been forced. "It seems to me as though he would want to have peace somehow," said Dudley. "Wishful thinking does have some results."

East of the Dome

OSCAR MAYER & CO., a meat processing firm, is opening a new distribution center at 1305 5th NE. . . . THREE NEW PROJECTS for the mentally retarded are underway at the Lincoln Recreation Center, 5th & L SE, and volunteers are needed to help run them. There is a social club that meets on Friday evening for mentally retarded persons 16 and over. On Saturday morning there is a swimming and general recreation program. Volunteers can help arrange supplies and equipment, help plan and decorate for parties and other special events, or provide transportation. Those interested should contact John Watkins, weekdays between 8:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. at 543-4423.

MRS. LYNDON JOHNSON last month inspected progress at the Buchanan School community plaza now under construction at 13th & E SE. The project is expected to be completed this spring. Mrs. LBJ was accompanied by two members of her beautification committee: Mrs. Vincent Astor and Laurence Rockefeller. The large plaza will include both youth and adult facilities. . . . ST. JAMES CHURCH, 322 8th NE, has started an evensong service on Sundays at 4:30 pm. All are welcomed both to the service and to sing in the choir which is being organized for the service. Those interested should contact Father Goodrich at 546-1746 or David Tetrault at 547-2061 for more information.

ROBERT ADAMS, DIRECTOR of Friendship House, came under fire from members of the Near SE Neighborhood Advisory Council for his failure to present the group with a complete anti-poverty program budget in time for the NAC to review it. Adams blamed administrative difficulties for his inability to produce the budget, but NAC members weren't satisfied, voted to have next year's budget presented to it before it goes to UPO for approval. . . . THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL of the Board of Education to Study the Passow Report voted to open its membership to any DC group that has demonstrated an interest in education. Previously, the council --set up to review the Columbia University proposals for changes in the DC school system--had been open by invitation only. Interested groups may apply for membership by writing Roy Ross, chairman, Community Council on the Columbia University Study, 1200 17th NW, 6th floor.

THE NEAR NE BUSINESS and Professional Council has agreed to sponsor the Near NE teen center. . . . THE FOOD STAMP program has moved its certifying office out of the DC Farmers Market following complaints from the Near NE consumer action program. The office was criticized for being geographically isolated and for being on the premises of a private food establishment. The consumer program has been trying to get a full-time certifying office opened at the Hospitality House Credit Union on H St., but so far they've only gotten a one-day-a-week operation. . . . LOGAN SCHOOL, 3rd & G NE, is one of two schools selected in the District to receive money under an experimental community schools project. The school would be used as a community center during non-school hours.

THE IDLER

AS contrary as the thought is to our national self-image, it is entirely possible that we are in the process of giving up the struggle to solve the deepest problems of our cities. Over the past few years, we have become sharply conscious of the defects of urban life and of the misery of the people who bear the consequences. The time we had in which to act seemed painfully compressed as each summer's violence burned down rationalizations for further delay in bringing equality and decency to our cities.

But now American technology and power may have come to the rescue--not by solving the problems causing riots, but by developing means of containing and controlling violence. This summer, we are told, is going to be different. The element of surprise is largely gone. Each city knows, as it refused to admit before, that it could happen within its borders. The urban centers are going to be ready.

National guard troops are undergoing special training. Hotlines are being established. Armored trucks are being purchased. Police riot equipment is being beefed up. And in the psychological warfare department of the hamlet summer pacification program, new and exciting recreational diversions are being thought up to keep teenagers busy.

Ramsey Clark, the Attorney General, was probably correct when he told a group of police chiefs and city officials recently that the nation's power to deal with urban riots is increasing faster "than the underlying layers of frustration that cause these riots."

If Clark's prognostication proves accurate, however, the lesson the nation learns from it may be a grim one, namely that it is cheaper and more expedient to suppress riots than it is to solve the problems that produce them.

It's not something to which we would quickly confess. The promises, the public articulation of altruistic hopes, and the stance of public concern and sympathy would continue long after they have no relationship to the facts. But we would not be the first nation to find it simpler to contain a restless minority than to meet its needs. Nor would it be a first in our own history. We are fully capable of delaying needed reforms with a subtle blend of cant and inaction.

There is a belief popular among the more radical segments of the country that America's defects are ultimately intolerable and will themselves create a mechanism of change. This is an unduly romantic view that even the most cursory examination of other societies, past or present, contradicts. America can exist quite contentedly without being toppled by economic and racial inequality, riots, crime, traffic jams, pollution, or too many TV commercials.

We must recognize that the majority of the nation will not pay a particularly high price for the failure to reform our cities. Some merchants will have difficulties getting insurance, plate glass purchases will increase, and taxes may go up to pay for more police and fire protection. But a country affluent enough to absorb the cost of a nonproductive major external conflict is surely able to support the cost of nonproductive minor internal violence as well.

I often note, when I visit the more affluent sections of this or some other town, or go to the suburbs surrounding them, how little the problems that loom over every corner of the inner city touch those outside. Your friends listen politely, they are mildly interested, but you leave them knowing that there is really not much you can expect. The imperative is not there. The policeman on the beat is nice to them. Their schools are adequate. They can pay the doctor's bills and the rent. And a promotion is in sight. It does not take long to realize why it is

going to be difficult for President Johnson to convince Congress that it is necessary to have a twelve-fold increase in low and moderate-income housing starts over the next decade. Most people don't need it.

The other night I watched a discussion on the local Negro TV station. Represented were a number of Negro militants, a Negro member of the school board and a Negro member of the District Council. The moderator asked his guests what the District needed most this year. They ticked off better housing, better jobs, and better education. Then, late in the program, the white chairman of the DC Democratic Central Committee arrived. The same question was put to him. And the first problem that came to the mind of Tilford Dudley was "transportation."

For the white Washingtonian, Dudley's response was undoubtedly accurate. Washington's chaotic traffic situation is the biggest problem the typical white government worker faces. A poll taken by Louis Harris in 1966 for the Washington Post found the District's whites (a minority group in this city) listing better transportation as the solution to a major city problem they most desired. The city's Negro majority listed better housing as its first priority; transportation didn't even make the first five on the Negro list.

The contrast in needs as conceived by these two groups becomes significant when one examines, for example, the District budget. This year's budget proposal contains \$40 million for new subways and roads and not one dime for a major new housing program. Even in a city with a Negro chief executive and a majority of Negroes on the city council (all appointed and not elected, incidentally), it is clear whose imperative gets first attention.

Without the majority of America drastically changing its sense of what is important, the victims of past inequities will carry the burden long into the future. Just the other day the Census Bureau reported that the gap between the average annual income of Negro and white families in this country had grown by \$248 dollars over the past eight years.

While in terms of percentage the Negro family is doing better--earning 59% as much as the average white family as against 52% in 1960--even this figure is not very encouraging. If the gap between the two decreases at the same rate, it will be two-thirds of a century more before Negro annual income catches up with white. Of course, if the absolute gap grows, the Negro will never make it.

It is part of our national faith that things will get better. But will they? The country over the past decade has enjoyed an unusual era of good intentions towards minorities and their problems. Yet despite this favorable environment we have yet to alter the nature of the ghetto or the communities of rural poor. Now we may be growing tired of trying. The hostility of Congress last session towards anti-poverty, model cities and welfare legislation is not a comforting omen. There are signs that we are drifting from a desire to change to a desire to contain. And the majority of America has the power to take this latter and perhaps easier course.

It may not only be our cities that we shall cool this summer, but our ardor for reform of inequalities as well. As we have found in Vietnam, power has an almost irresistible appeal to the powerful. It easily replaces conscience, wisdom, justice and morality. To effect the sort of changes in our social and economic structure that a sense of decency would urge is a tedious and costly business. The bitter prospect a small part of the nation faces is that the greater part may decide it is not worth the candle.

--SAM SMITH

Capitol East Calendar

FEBRUARY

Deadline for calendar listings: 20th of month. Send to the Gazette, 413 6th NE, Washington, 20002. Events marked with a circle are of special importance to the community.

1 NEAR NE CITIZENS Advisory Council. Meeting. 1328 Fla. NE. (Every first Thurs.) 8 pm.

DAVID L. ROTTER, principal of Brent Elementary School, speaks and answers questions about the new Brent building, scheduled to open September '68. Friendship House, 619 D SE. 8 pm.

2 NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Pops concert at Eastern High School, 17th & E. Capitol. 8 pm.

4 "THIS IS MARSHALL McLuhan" Film and discussion. Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol. 7:30 pm.

5 PUBLIC INTEREST CIVIC ASSOC. Meeting. Calvary Church, 6th & I NE. (Every first Monday), 8 pm.

7 DC BOARD OF EDUCATION meets at Hine Jr. High, 8th & Pa. SE. 7:30 pm.

GIRLS SPORTS & GAME NITE. Hine Jr. High, 8th & Pa. SE, 6 pm. NINTH PRECINCT Advisory Council. Meeting. (Every first Weds.) 9th Precinct, 525 9th NE. 8 pm.

8 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP. Meeting. (Every 2nd Thurs.) 1328 Fla. NE. 8 pm.

12 RESTORATION SOCIETY. Meeting. (Every 2nd Monday.) Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 4th & Independence SE. 8 pm.

14 CIRCLE-ON-THE HILL. Membership meeting to discuss pending congressional testimony. Friendship House, 619 D SE, 8 pm.

15 NEAR NE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL. Open Forum. (Every third Thurs.) Call 547-7200 for location. 8 pm.

Circle To Meet

SERVICE through action is the topic of the Feb. 14 membership meeting of Circle-On-The-Hill, service group to Friendship House.

The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the House, 619 D SE. Members of the Circle's community development committee will discuss the role the Circle has played in recreation and education issues in the community. Emphasis will be on finding ways to be most effective in taking advantage of the changing education picture in the District and the renewed interest in recreation needs.

The committee will also be looking for additional people to carry out projects in these areas. The discussion will also form the basis of Circle testimony before the congressional appropriations committees this spring.

The business meeting will include a call for two nominations to a by-law committee being formed to reevaluate current Circle by-laws. Three members already appointed to the group by the executive board are Mrs. Owen Fiss, Mrs. Austin Frum and Mrs. Frank Schmittlein.

16 LOCAL REGISTRATION for May 7 primary and November election. See page 8 for location and details.

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19 FIFTH PRECINCT Advisory Council. Meeting. (Every third Mon.) 5th Precinct, 500 E SE. 8:30 pm.

21 GEORGE WASHINGTON'S Birthday Party, sponsored by the Emergency Recreation Council, St. Mark's Church, 3rd & A SE. 8:30 pm. CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITY Council. Meeting. St. Cecilia's School, 6th & E. Capitol. 8 pm.

26 NEAR SE NEIGHBORHOOD Advisory Council. Meeting. (Every fourth Monday) Friendship House, 619 D SE. 8 pm.

MISSIONARY BAND CONCERT. Salvation Army, 1211 G SE. 7:45 pm.

27 NEAR NE BUSINESS AND Professional Council. Meeting. (Every last Tues.) Calvary Church, 6th & I NE. 8 pm.

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